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(DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

Docket No.: B-5924PCT 623362-7

International Application No.:  
PCT/JP2004/014895

Applicant(s) for DO/EO/US:

(1) Tesuya SHIRADE

International Filing Date:

1 October 2004

**Title of Invention:**

"METHOD OF STERILIZING AND PRODUCING A FISH-PASTE PRODUCT BY USING MICROBUBBLES  
AND A GERM-FREE FISH-PASTE PRODUCT OBTAINED BY THE PRODUCTION METHOD"

Priority Date Claimed:

17 October 2003

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(if known, see 37 CFR 1.5)

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. ☒ The U.S. Has been elected (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
  - a. ☒ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office.
6. ☒ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
  - a. ☒ is attached hereto.
  - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
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  - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11 to 21 below concern document(s) or information included:

11. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 with copy of PCT search report.
12. ☒ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet with check for \$40.00 in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☐ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT rule 13ter.2 and 37CFR 1.825.
18. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20. ☒ Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status—Small Business Concern (1 page).
21. ☒ Other items or information: Copy of published PCT application (26 pages)  
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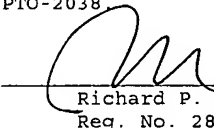
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- Transmittal Letter (2 pages)
- Copy of PCT International Application as filed and published consisting of: Title page with Abstract (2 pages), Specification (12 pages), Claims (3 pages), 1 sheet of Drawings (Fig. 1), International Search Report (2 pages)
- English language translation of International Application as filed consisting of: Specification (16 pages), Claims (4 pages), Abstract (1 page), and 1 sheet of Drawings (Fig. 1)
- Declaration/Power of Attorney (4 pages)
- Assignment document (3 pages) with Cover Sheet (1 page), and Cheque No. 21426 for \$40.00
- Preliminary Amendment (4 pages)
- Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status - Small Business Concern (1 page)
- Claim to Priority (1 page)

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